What Is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

RYLA is more than a summer camp—it's a Leadership Summit designed to challenge you, inspire you, and help you discover just how much you're capable of. This is an active, immersive week where you'll stretch yourself physically and mentally through experiences like the ropes course and climbing wall, team challenges that build trust and cooperation, impactful speakers and leadership workshops, service projects, financial literacy and real-world life skills. You'll be encouraged to step outside your comfort zone, trust others, find your voice, solve problems, lead a team—and sometimes let your team lead you. There will be plenty of fun, laughter and new friendships. Rest up, show up, and get ready for a week that may just change the way you see yourself —and the leader you can become.

Leadership
Develop leadership skills through fun and challenging activities

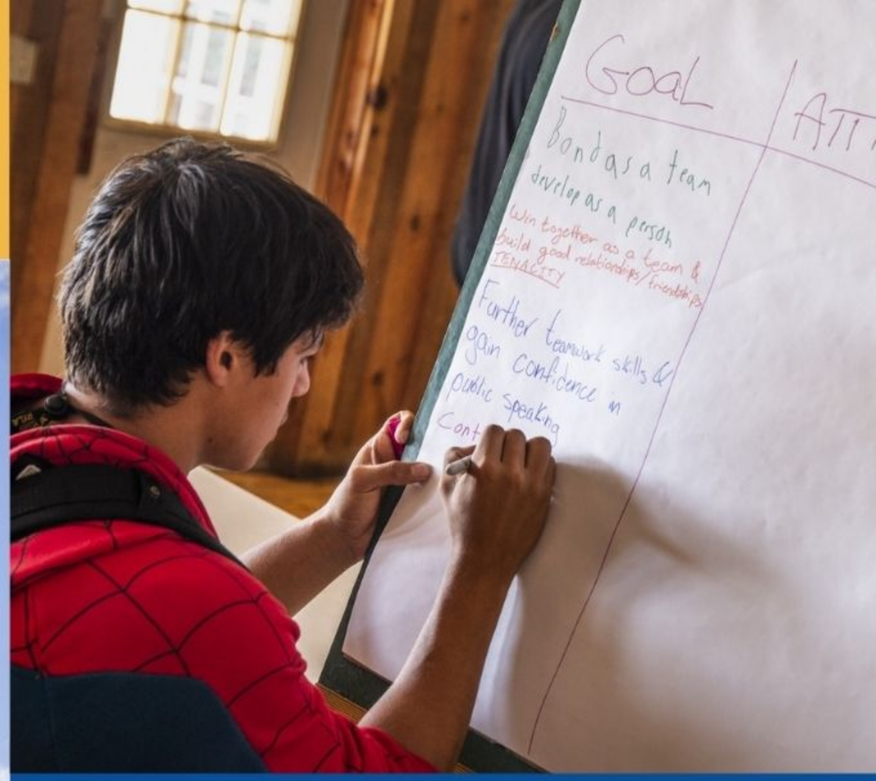
Self Confidence
Build self confidence accomplishing tasks thought to be unachievable

Values
Reinforce ethical behavior, integrity of character and commitment to community service

Fellowship
Engage in team building, encouragement of others and learn how to foster "Community"

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."





Welcome

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What our Participants have to Say:

"I learned that I'm both a bigger and smaller person than I was before camp, my strengths and weaknesses, and it was a confidence boost. I would 101%, without a doubt, do it again."

"I have a problem with self negative talk, and when I catch myself doing that, I think about how I was at camp. RYLA was life changing for me. It opened my mind to my true potential and the greatness I am capable of achieving."

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District 5520

New Mexico and West Texas



Participants receive scholarships for the Summit which are provided by local Rotary Clubs.



What is Rotary?

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian problems. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels.

https://www.rotary.org/

1.2 Million Members

200+ Countries

Information and application

Visit our website
https://rotary5520.org/page/rotary-youth-leadership-award

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The Rotary Four Way Test - "of the things we think, say, and do"

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Young Men's Summit
July 11-17, 2027
Young Women's Summit
July 17-23, 2027

Open to those students who will enter their Senior year of High School in the Fall of 2027

Open Enrollment

for students of all backgrounds and abilities. Come visit us to learn more!